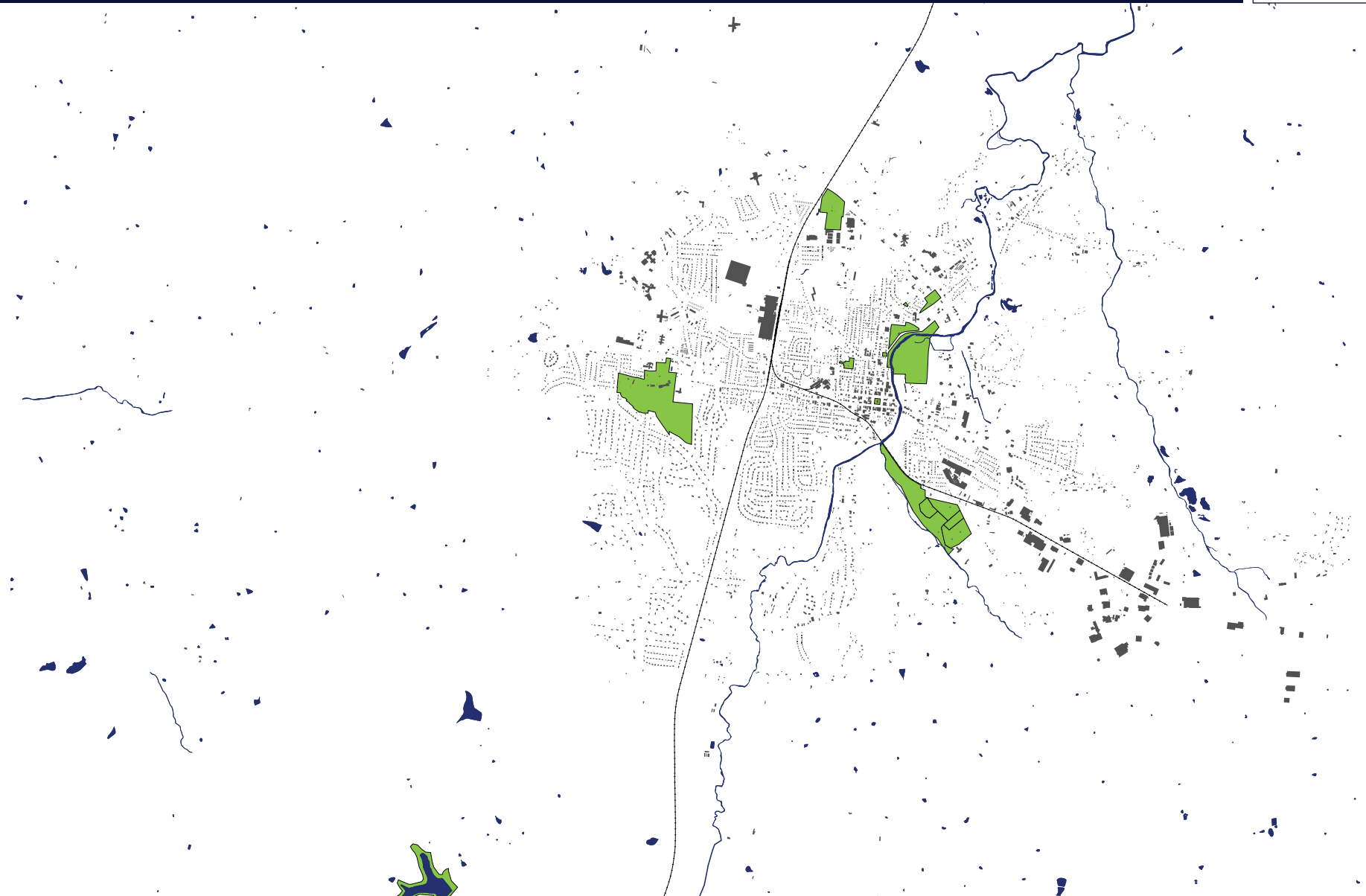


# vision lewisburg 2035 update



8.29.2019

PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND TRAILS ELEMENT



# Agenda

- **Opening Remarks**
- **Project Purpose**
- **The Importance of Parks and Open Space**
- **Assessment of Existing Conditions**
- **Public Input to Date**
- **The Plan**
- **Next Steps**

# Why are we here?



## LEWISBURG'S VISION 2035 PLAN:

"Open space was identified in the stakeholder meetings and citizen interviews as one of the strongest attributes of Lewisburg."

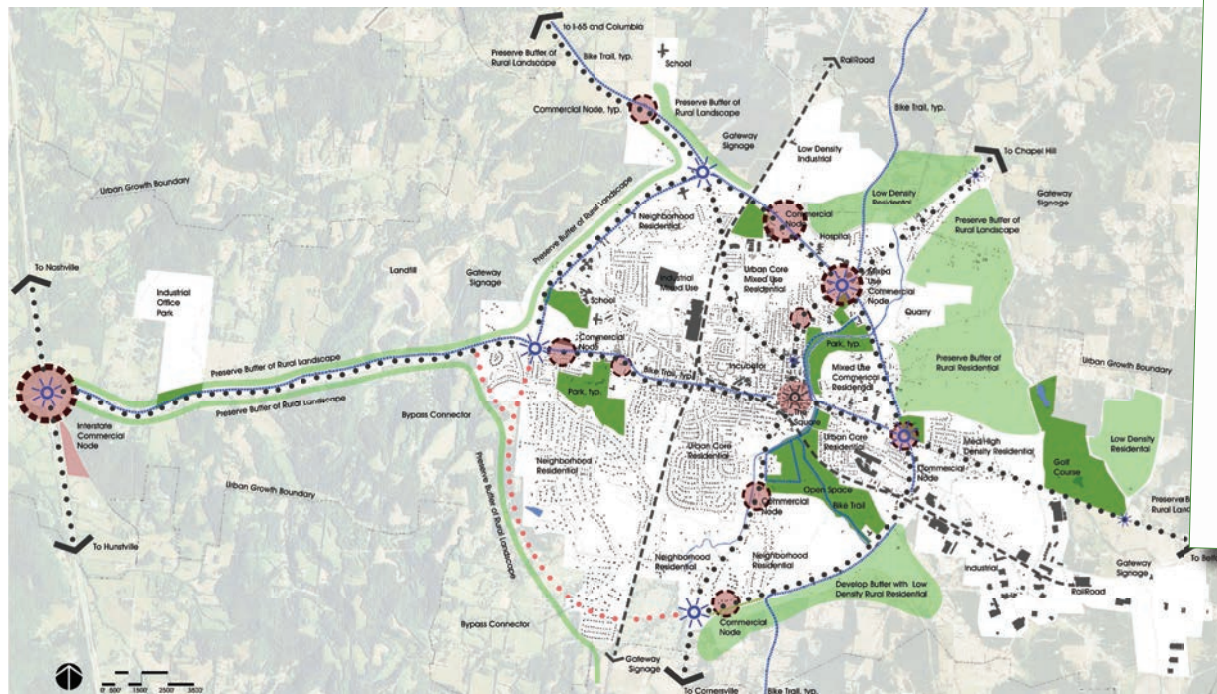
### Parks and Open Space Guiding Principles

Lewisburg has a rich agricultural heritage and is geographically nestled in the following forested hills of southern central Tennessee. Due to previously discussed factors, much of the open space surrounding the city remains intact. This rural setting coupled with a strong public park system make Open Space and Parks one of Lewisburg's strongest assets. The following principles, objectives and goals aim to reflect these findings, further expanding and strengthening Lewisburg's park infrastructure, utilizing this infrastructure to enhance other parts of the city, and projecting fragile surrounding open space.

### Principles

- Take advantage of current park system to enhance Downtown experience by increasing connectivity and developing unified event planning
- Make parks more accessible to all city residents by developing a network of smaller walkable neighborhood parks
- Enhance pedestrian and bike safety and wellness throughout park system by increasing pedestrian and bike recreation opportunities connection and expansion of current greenway system
- Use park system as environmental education tool for entire community and as a vehicle for environmental restoration

### Open Space and



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# Vision Plan Update



- Confirm vision
- Provide additional guidance on specific facilities
- Address access to parks and connectivity between parks

## Implementation Matrix

The Implementation Matrix is a summary outlining the tasks set forth related to the implementation of the Vision Lewisburg 2035 Plan. The matrix is meant to be a reference document providing City Officials, leaders and citizens more detailed guidance and instruction on how to implement the plan goals. The Implementation Matrix should be updated annually as goals are met. Additional goals should be added as future planning takes place

as recommended by the Vision Plan. The matrix is meant to be a "living document" which should evolve over time as city circumstances change. However, at its core, the matrix is the document within the Vision Plan meant to keep the City action oriented, accountable to the vision plans Principles and Objectives, and focused on strategic goals that are meant to build logical momentum for the City's growth and improvements.

It is recommended that the matrix be reviewed and approved by City Council and that a specific group be assigned to monitor progress on meeting the stated goals, as well as report back periodically to the Council in an official capacity. It is the recommendation of this report that a "Vision Plan Subcommittee" be created and that this subcommittee report back to the City annually at a minimum.

Goals are identified by keys (example D-1), book page references, assigned a responsible party and given a time frame for achievement. In addition, key resource websites are provided where applicable. Goals are categorized as General, Open Space and Parks, Corridor and Downtown and listed in chronological order of proposed completion. Goals that are already in progress are noted as such.

Recommendation	Page	Resource	Responsible Party	Time-Frame
<b>G General Recommendations</b>				
G-1 Promote this Plan - use Main Street website, plan summary document, and presentations	ALL		CDB / City / County	Near Term (Yrs 1-2)
G-2 Formally Adopt this Plan - City Council should pass a resolution as official public policy	ALL		City Council	Near Term (Yr 1)
<b>P Open Space and Parks</b>				
P-1 Use Vision Plan as a guiding tool and key component for finding grant funding opportunities; TDEC Recreation Grants, Green Development Grants	34	<a href="http://www.tn.gov/environment/grants.shtml">http://www.tn.gov/environment/grants.shtml</a>	Parks Department	Near Term (Yr. 1), In Progress, Ongoing for each year
P-2 Develop unified event strategy and calendar for Downtown Square and Rock Creek Park	34		Community Development Board (CDB)	Near Term (Yr. 1)
P-3 Create neighborhood park subcommittee within the Parks Department that accesses specific recreational needs for neighborhoods.	34		Parks Department	Near Term (Yr. 1)
P-4 Revise subdivision code to require open space/park requirement as part of development (or access fees)	34		City Manager / CDB	Near Term (Yr. 1)
P-5 Create greenway subcommittee dedicated solely to greenway expansion and seeking TDOT and Federal funding sources	34		Parks Department / CDB	Near Term (Yr. 1)
			City Manager / Parks Department / CDB	Near Term (Yr. 1), In Progress, Ongoing for each year

# The Value of Parks and Open Space



# The Value of Parks and Open Space



- **Economic**

- Studies show that quality parks increase property values, which improves the local economy
- Trees save cities billions in stormwater management costs
- Quality parks are one of the top 3 reasons businesses cite in relocation decisions
- Parks and recreation programs generate revenue from fees but also indirectly benefit local private businesses

- **Health and Environmental**

- **Social Importance**

Research from the National Recreation and Park Association

# The Value of Parks and Open Space



- **Economic**
- **Health and Environmental**
  - Parks and recreation programs promote active, healthy living for all ages
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cites that creating, improving, and promoting places that are physically active can result in 25% increase in exercise among residents
  - Studies have indicated improved health from longer stays in parks
  - The protection of open space has significant impact on our environment—water quality, air quality, and wildlife
- **Social Importance**

Research from the National Recreation and Park Association

# The Value of Parks and Open Space

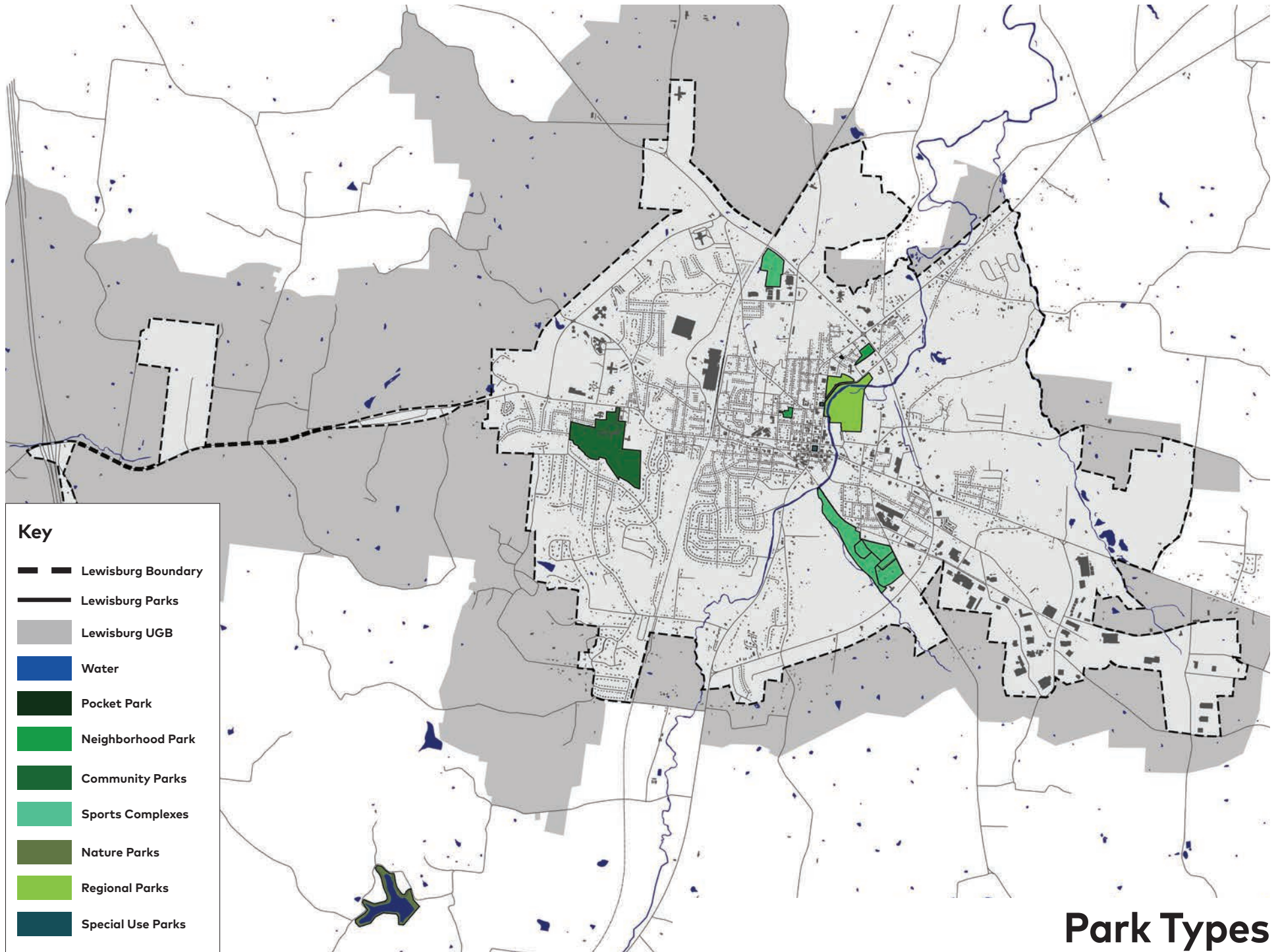


- Economic
- Health and Environmental
- **Social Importance**
  - Quality parks are an important indicator of the "quality of life" in a community
  - Parks provide an opportunity for people of all ages, backgrounds, and situations to gather and socialize
  - The Trust for Public Land cites that nationwide community approval of improvements to parks exceeds 75%
  - Parks often create value beyond the amount of money invested or the revenues received from fees—create a sense of community pride

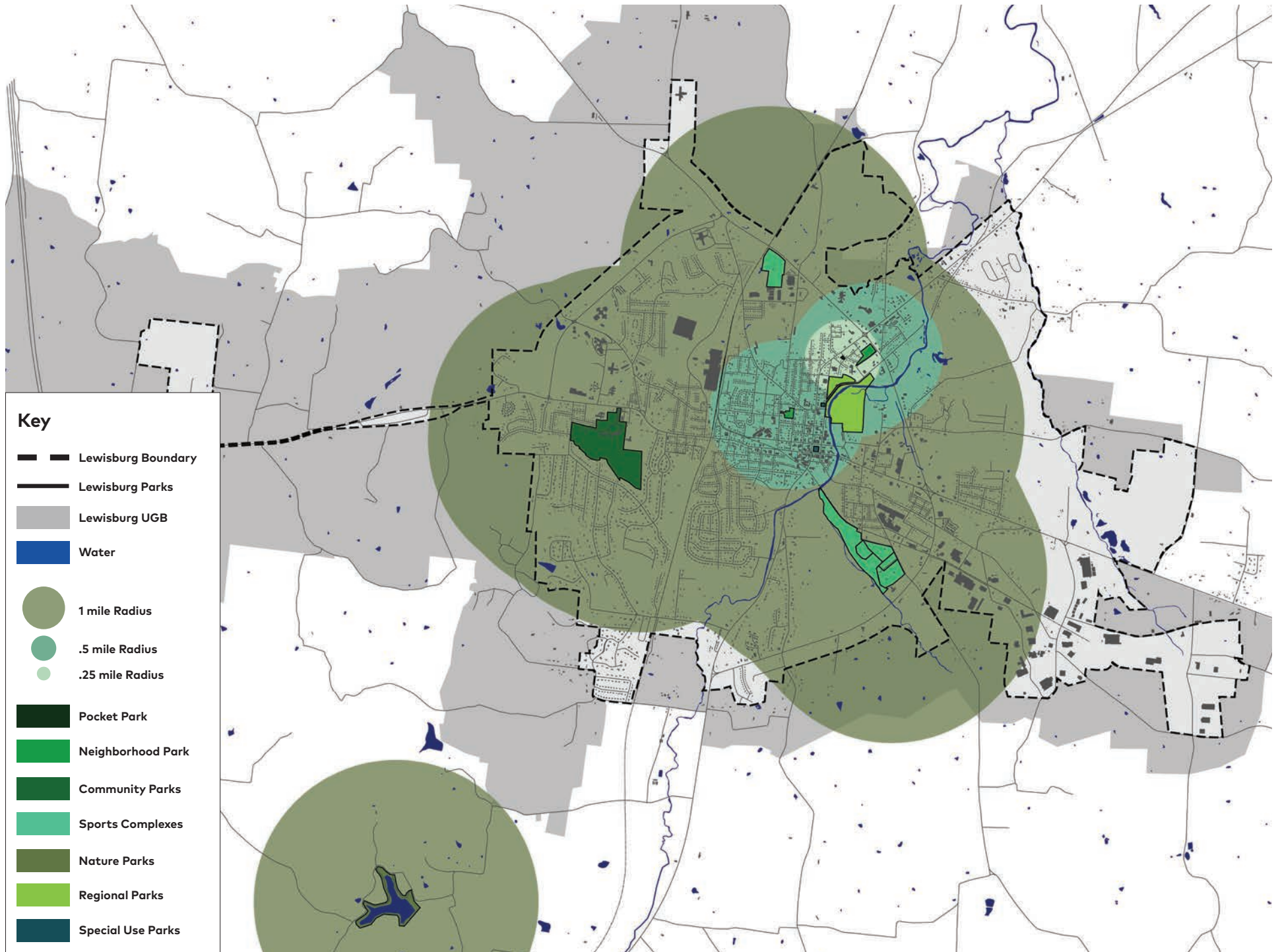
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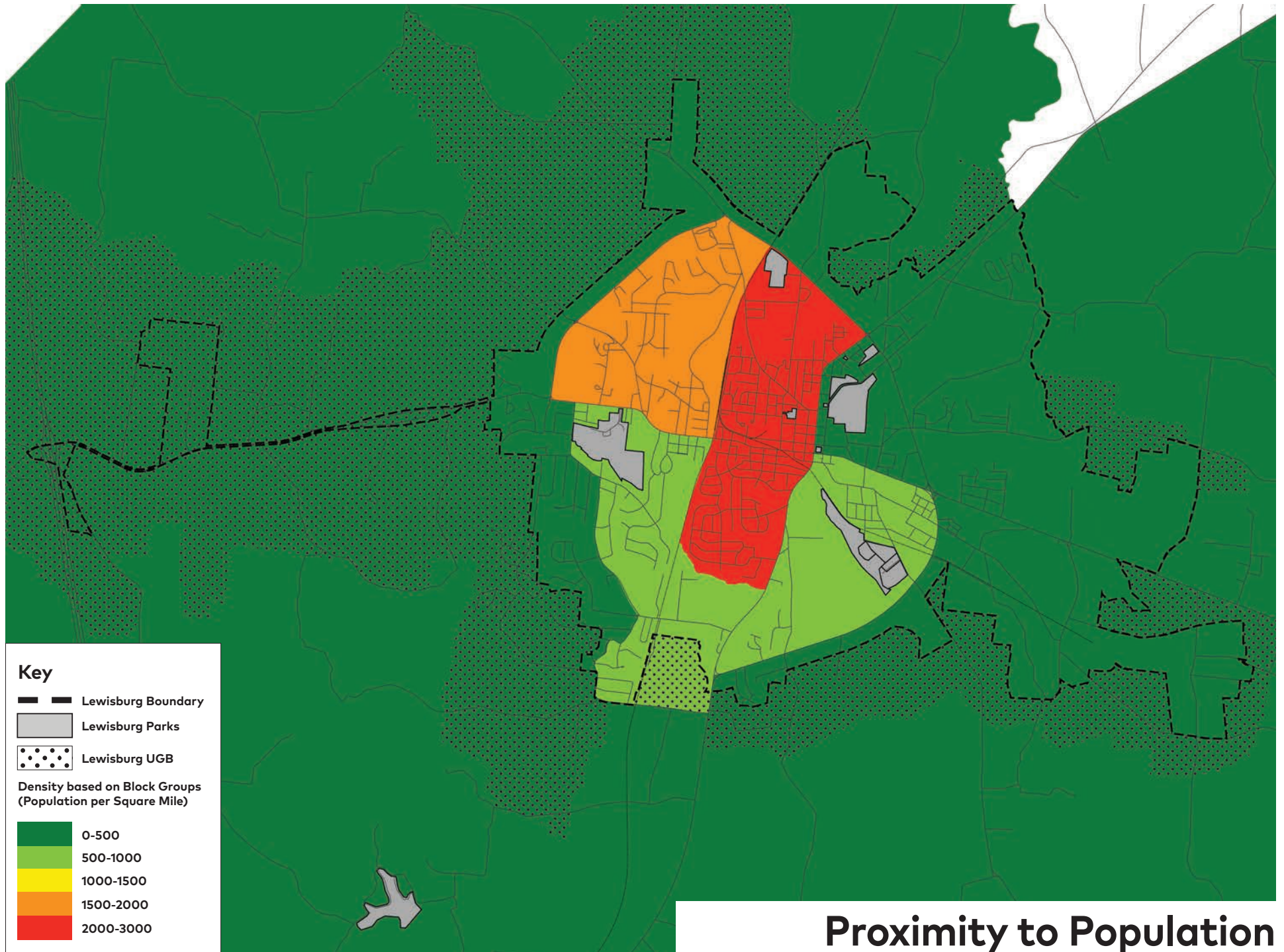
# **Summary of Existing Conditions Assessment**



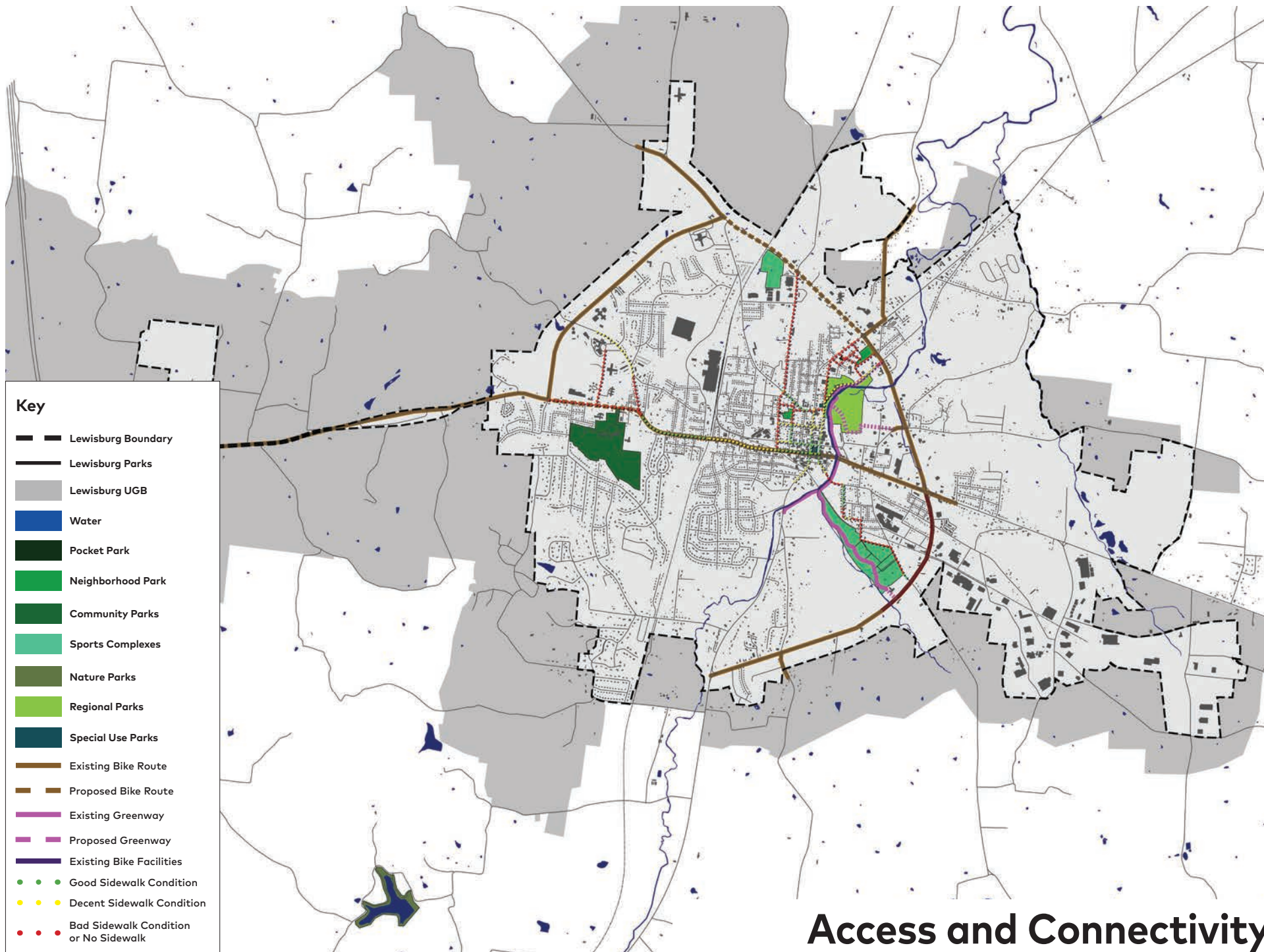


## Park Types

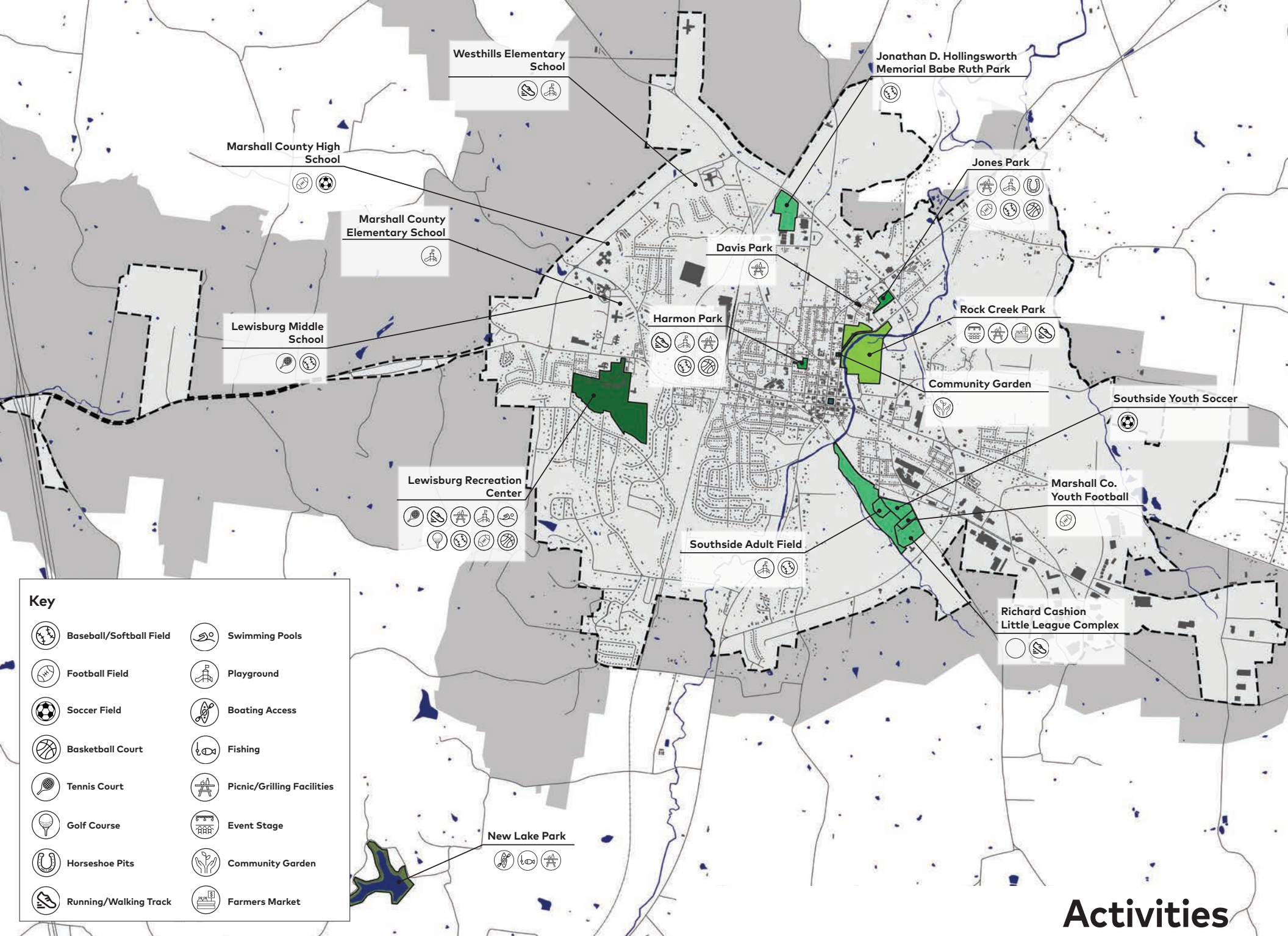




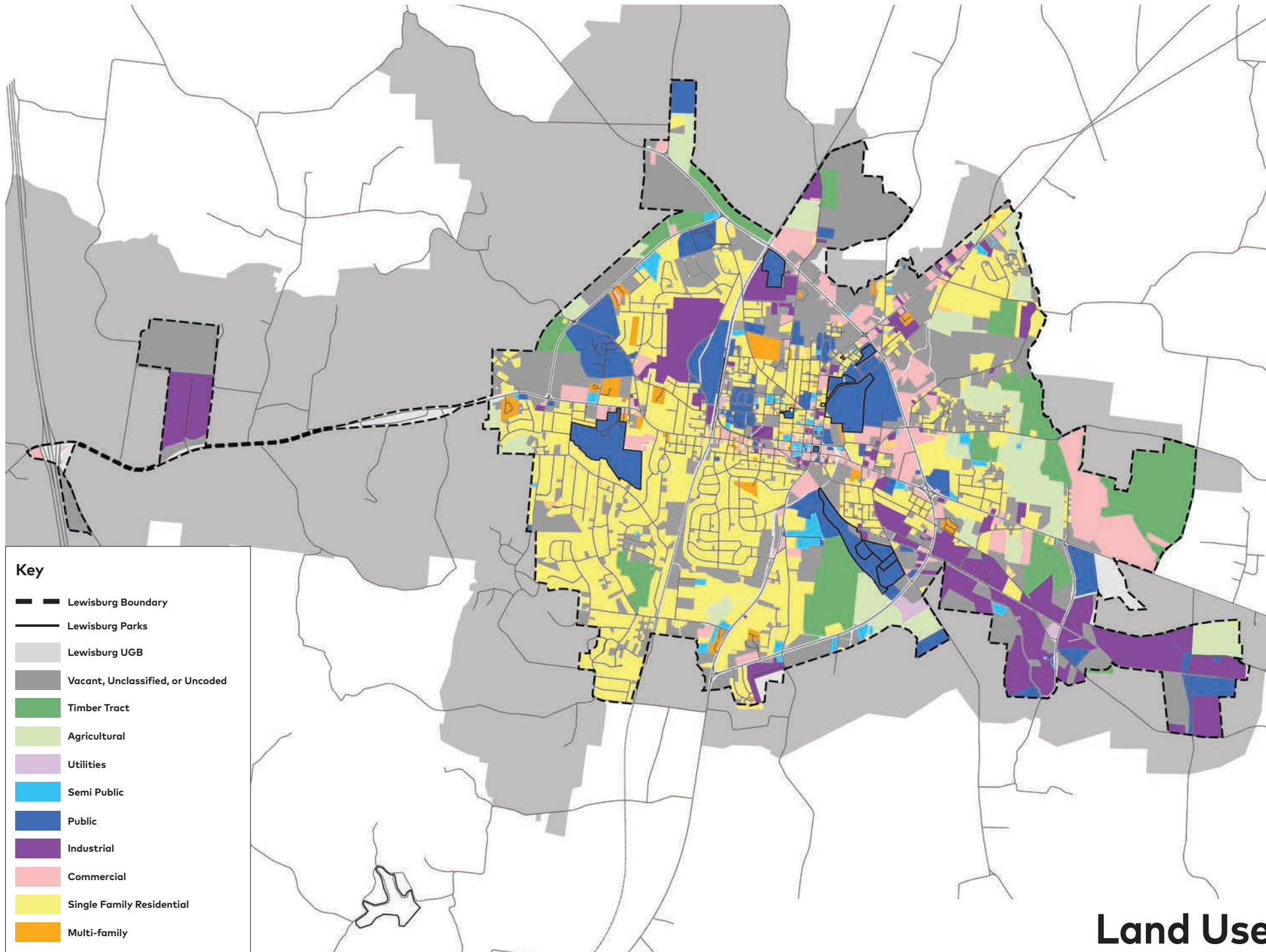
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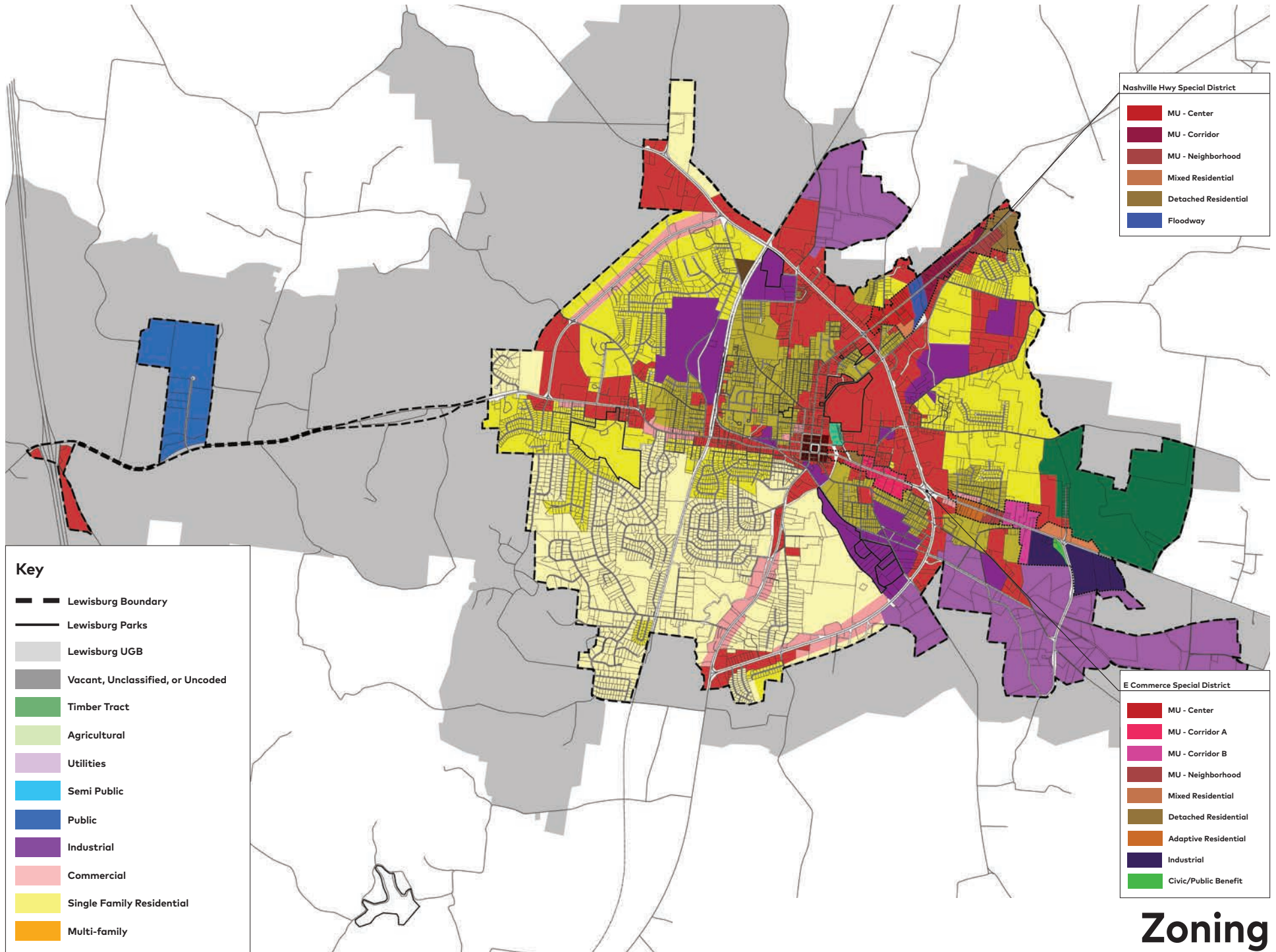


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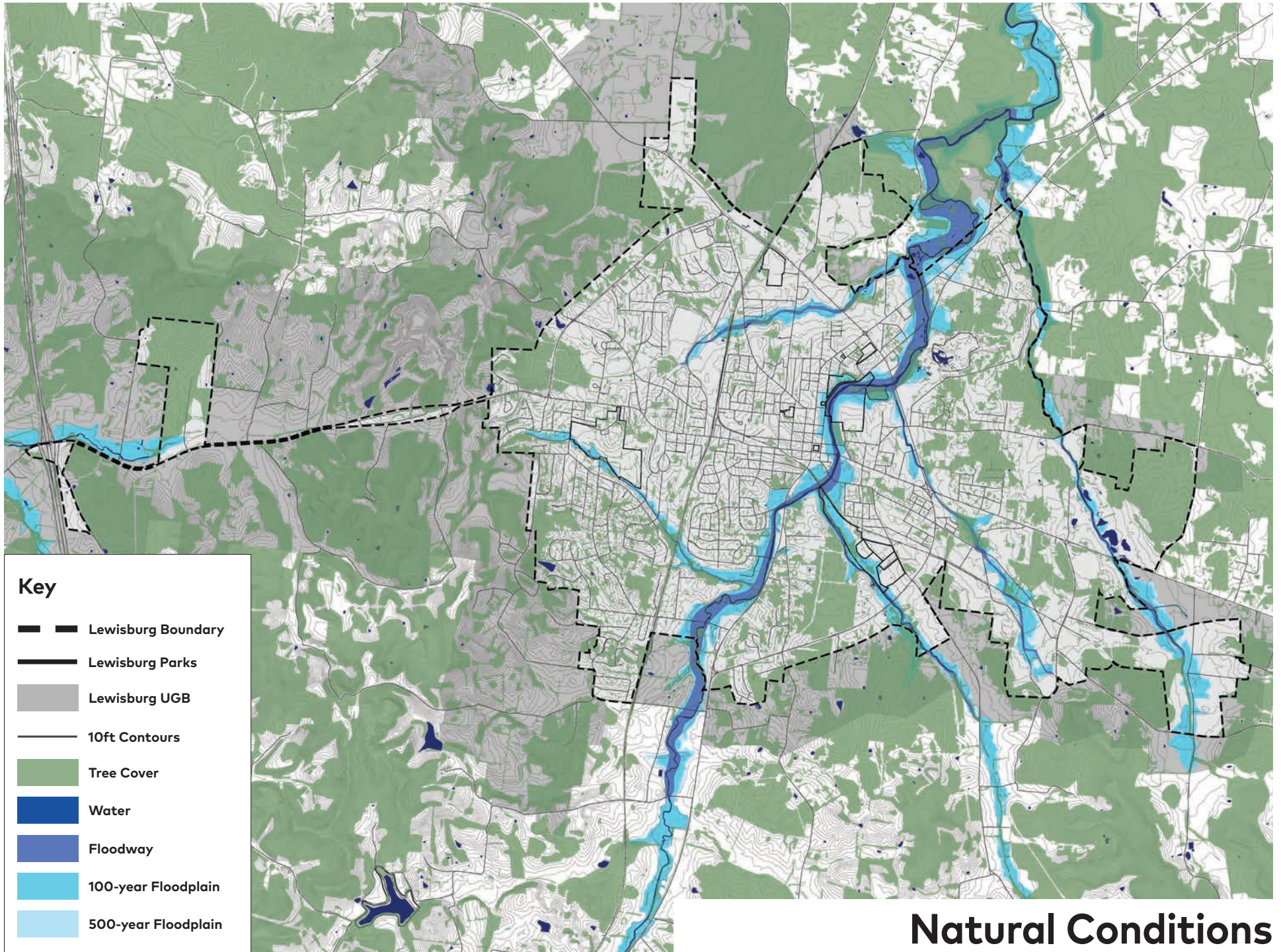


# Activities





# Zoning



# Public Input to Date

**Richard Cashion Sports Complex**

Does the Cashion Sports Complex meet your expectations?

Yes No

How often do you visit Cashion Sports Complex?

1 or more times per week 1-2 times per week 1-4 times per week 1 or more times per month

How do you access Cashion Sports Complex?

Public transit Bicycles Walking Private vehicle

What activities do you participate in at Cashion Sports Complex?

Roundball basketball Softball basketball Soccer Basketball

What are Cashion Sports Complex's greatest needs? (Choose up to 3)

Additional comments:

Station 3: Sports Complex

**Joe G. Hollingsworth Memorial Sports Hall**

Does the Hollingsworth Memorial Sports Hall meet your expectations?

Yes No

How often do you visit Hollingsworth Memorial Sports Hall?

1 or more times per week 1-2 times per week 1-4 times per week 1 or more times per month

How do you access Hollingsworth Memorial Sports Hall?

Public transit Bicycles Walking Private vehicle

What activities do you participate in at Hollingsworth Memorial Sports Hall?

Roundball basketball Softball basketball Soccer Basketball

What are Hollingsworth Memorial Sports Hall's greatest needs? (Choose up to 3)

Additional comments:

Station 4: Sports Complex

**Map of the City**

Does the City meet your expectations?

Yes No

How often do you visit the City?

1 or more times per week 1-2 times per week 1-4 times per week 1 or more times per month

How do you access the City?

Public transit Bicycles Walking Private vehicle

What activities do you participate in in the City?

Roundball basketball Softball basketball Soccer Basketball

What are the City's greatest needs? (Choose up to 3)

Additional comments:

Station 5: Sports Complex

**Map of the City**

Does the City meet your expectations?

Yes No

How often do you visit the City?

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How do you access the City?

Public transit Bicycles Walking Private vehicle

What activities do you participate in in the City?

Roundball basketball Softball basketball Soccer Basketball

What are the City's greatest needs? (Choose up to 3)

Additional comments:

Station 6: Sports Complex

# Public Kick-off & Visioning



# Brainstorming



# Jones and Harmon Park Meeting



# The Plan



# Plan Organization

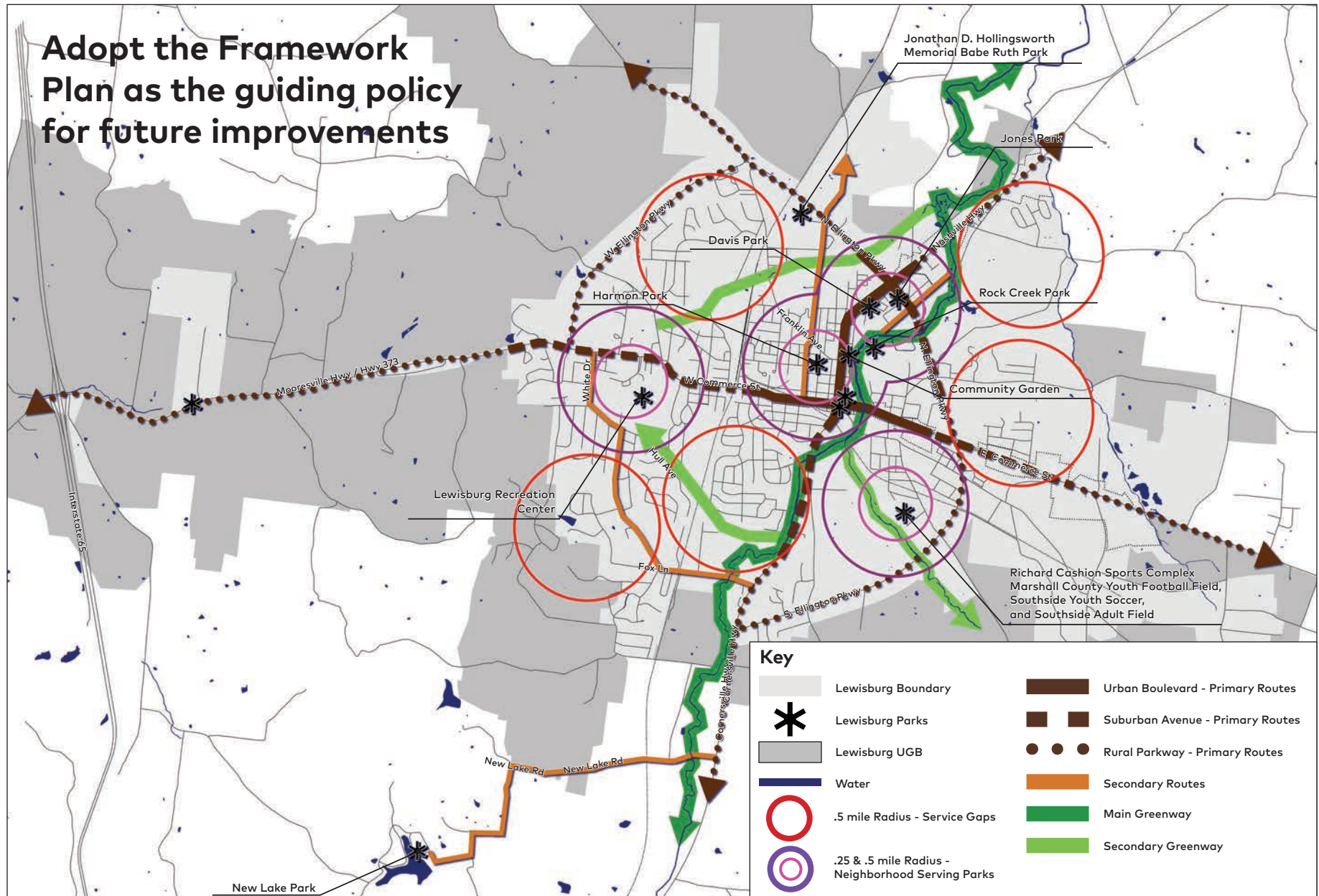


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INTRODUCTION	BACKGROUND	PLAN	IMPLEMENTATION	APPENDICES
PURPOSE AND INTENT	1 VISION PLAN SUMMARY	5 FROM VISION 2035	19 IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX	34 INDIVIDUAL PARK
PROCESS	2 VALUE OF PARKS & OPEN	5 FRAMEWORK PLAN		DIAGRAMS
PUBLIC INPUT	2 SPACE	7 SYSTEMWIDE		42
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		26 REGIONAL PARKS		
		27 NATURAL RESOURCE		
		27 AREAS		
		27 SPECIAL USE PARKS		
		28 TRAILS		
		28 CONNECTIVITY AND		
		28 MOBILITY		

# Framework Plan



**Adopt the Framework Plan as the guiding policy for future improvements**



# System-wide Recommendations



- **Create a safe and inviting parks system**
  - Develop a Parks Security Plan
  - Utilize Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design standards
- **Implement routine maintenance and upkeep**
  - Develop and implement a Parks Maintenance Plan
- **Create identifier for parks system**
  - Develop and implement a Parks Signage Plan
- **Address specific needs of facilities as needed**
  - Develop individual plans for facilities prior to improvement





# Pocket Parks



- **Davis Park**
  - Define edge of the park with shrubs or hedge to create an effective barrier (short)
  - Install benches facing into the park (medium)
  - Construct small, accessible pavilion or gazebo (medium)
  - Provide 2-3 parking spaces (long)
- **Public Square Park**
  - Replace loose or falling brick on walls adjacent to park



# Neighborhood Parks



- **Harmon Park**

- Upgrade restrooms to meet ADA requirements
- Upgrade basketball courts or replace with sport courts
- Upgrade playground equipment including ADA-compliant surfacing
- Install fence and/or shrubs along 4th Avenue to define edge of park and create an effective barrier
- Install chainlink fence on southern property line
- Provide new picnic tables and grills
- Reconfigure/restripe parking area for efficiency
- Widen the walking trail and provide two swale crossings to newly acquired area with perimeter trail and exercise stations
- Provide ADA-compliant paths between park elements
- Construct a skate park
- Improve lighting and add security cameras

# Neighborhood Parks



## HARMON PARK - CITY OF LEWISBURG

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|--|---|--|
| ① PLAY GROUND ADDITION WITH NECESSARY LIGHTS AND SECURITY CAMERAS.   | ⑥ WIDEN THE WALKING TRACK TO 8'-0".   | ⑧ INSTALL A NEW 2500 Sq.Ft. SKATE PARK |
| ② 4TH AVENUE BARRIER - LANDSCAPING SHRUBS AND VINYL FENCING  | ⑦ ADD EXERCISE STATIONS ALONG THE PERIMETER OF THE TRACK, ALONG WITH ANY NECESSARY LIGHTING AND SECURITY. | ⑨ LIGHTING AND CAMERA INSTALLATION     |
| ③ NEW PICNIC TABLES AND GRILLS FOR THE EXISTING PICNIC AREA ALONG WITH ANY NECESSARY LIGHTS AND SECURITY CAMERAS |   |  |
| ④ PERIMETER FENCE - CHAIN LINK, NOT VINYL  |   |  |
| ⑤ SPORT COURT RESURFACING  |   |  |

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# Neighborhood Parks



- **Jones Park**

- Upgrade basketball courts or replace with sport courts
- Relocate and construct new playground at foot of the hill
- Relocate and upgrade horseshoe pits at current playground
- Install fencing along Washington Drive
- Install sidewalk that connects to Ellington Parkway, Library, and Rock Creek Park
- Upgrade restrooms to meet ADA requirements
- Upgrade picnic pavilion and add lighting
- Provide ADA-compliant paths between park elements
- Close portion of Jones Circle to create one park
- Encourage/incentivize development around park
- Reconfigure current parking area
- Install splash pad or spray ground near playground
- Install public art celebrating African-American heritage

# Neighborhood Parks



## JONES PARK - CITY OF LEWISBURG

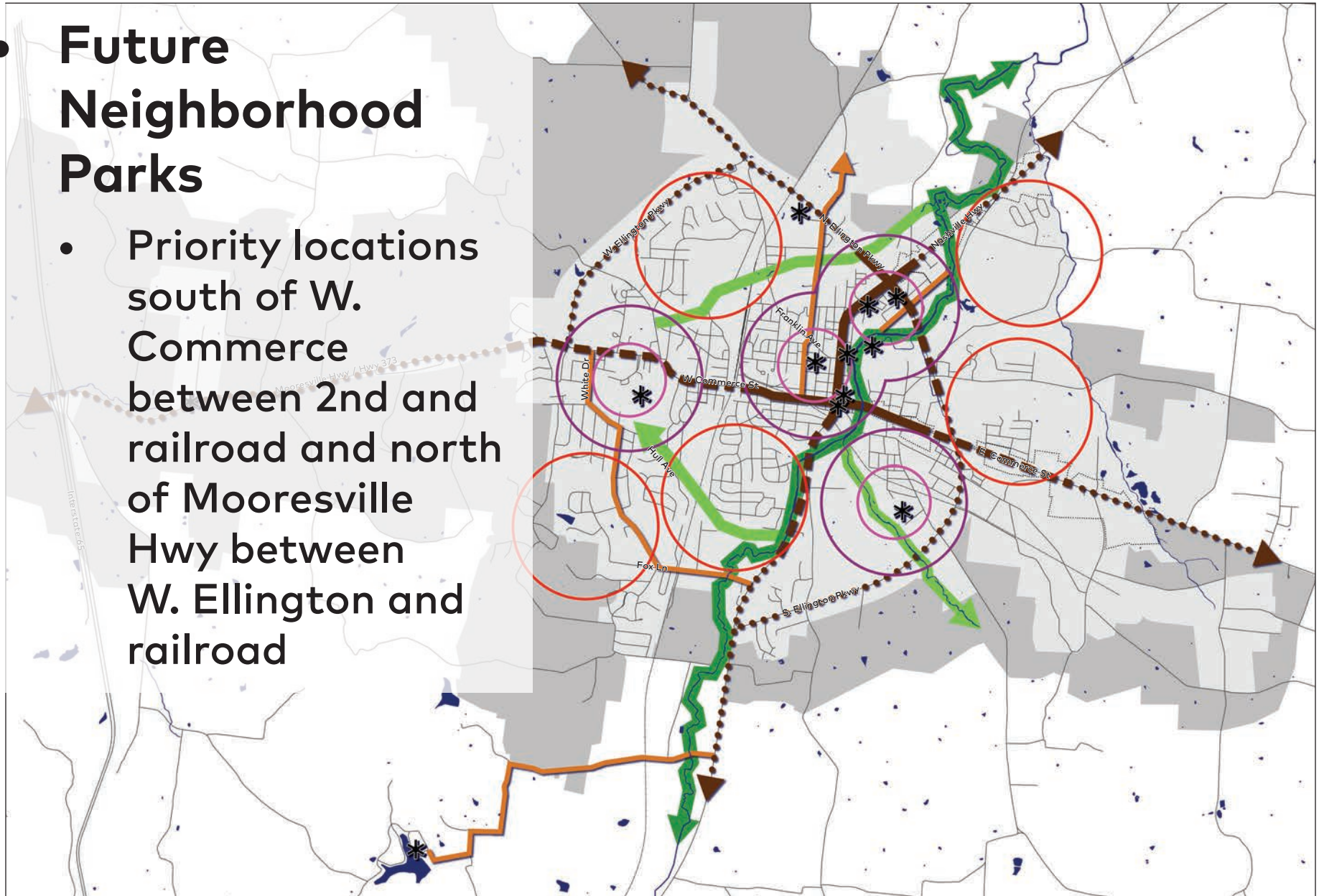
- ① CLOSE JONES CIRCLE (CITY COUNCIL TO DO THIS)
- ② REMOVE PRESENT PLAYGROUND AND CREATE A NEW PLAYGROUND IN LOWER AREA OF THE PARK - CLEARANCE OF THE OVERHEAD UTILITY LINES HAS TO BE A LEAST 25' EITHER SIDE (SCOTT VERNON OF LEWISBURG ELECTRIC 931.637.5627)
- ③ MOVE HORSESHOE PIT AREA TO VACATED PLAYGROUND LOCATION
- ④ DEVELOP A SLIDE AREA OFF THE HILL OF LOWER AREA
- ⑤ PLACE SMALL SPLASH PAD/SPRAY AREA ON THE LOWER AREA
- ⑥ NEW SPORT-COURT SURFACE ON THE PRESENT BASKETBALL COURT
- ⑦ MOVE CONCRETE PICNIC TABLES (BY BUCK'S CREW) TO AREA NEAR THE NEW HORSESHOE PITS IN THE GRASSY AREA
- ⑧ RE-PAVE OR ENHANCE PRESENT PARKING LOTS
- ⑨ POSSIBLE PLACEMENT OF SOLAR PANELS ON TOP OF PRESENT SHELTER (THIS COULD GENERATE ELECTRICITY FOR PARKS USE)

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# Neighborhood Parks



- **Future Neighborhood Parks**
  - Priority locations south of W. Commerce between 2nd and railroad and north of Mooresville Hwy between W. Ellington and railroad





# Sports Complexes



- **Hollingsworth Babe Ruth Field**
  - Complete restroom upgrade for ADA compliance
  - Upgrade bleachers for ADA compliance
  - Repave/restripe the parking area for greater efficiency
  - Construct walking trail around the perimeter of the site
  - Provide additional practice fields on south side of the stite with lighting
- **Cashion/Marshall County/Southside Fields**
  - Provide ADA-compliant paths between park elements
  - Upgrade restrooms for ADA compliance
  - Provide benches and lighting along the greenway
  - Provide new age-definitive playground strategically located in the Southside complex
  - Add lighting to soccer fields and share use of the football fields for soccer teams

# Sports Complexes



- **Cashion/Marshall County/Southside Fields (cont.)**
  - Upgrade/provide additional bleachers for ADA compliance
  - Provide additional picnic facilities
  - Provide new parking along Springplace Road
  - Provide additional pavilions, parking, and playfields in northwest portion of the site
  - Enhance the cemetery enclosure and provide history markers
  - Provide additional pavilions, parking, and playfields, including disc golf, in the northern portion of the site
  - Add additional trees
  - Upgrade concessions



# Community Parks



- **Recreation Center**

- Complete renovation of the picnic pavilion and replace picnic tables
- Convert the old tennis court to a sport court
- Resurface the walking track and improve lighting
- Install new playground and Exploration Station
- Connect the Rec Center to the proposed greenway to the south
- Replace lighting at the tennis court



# Regional Parks



- **Rock Creek Park**
  - Install a playground
  - Construct permanent facilities for festivals
  - Install lighting along portions of the greenway
  - Continue greenway to the north



# Natural Resource Areas



- **New Lake Park**

- Establish a no-mow zone along the lake edge with designated band fishing areas
- Conduct a study of the dam
- Improve driveway and reconfigure/repave parking lot for greater efficiency
- Provide new picnic tables and grills near pavilion
- Construct public restrooms
- Construct walking trail around lake where feasible
- Construct a new boat ramp to replace the existing



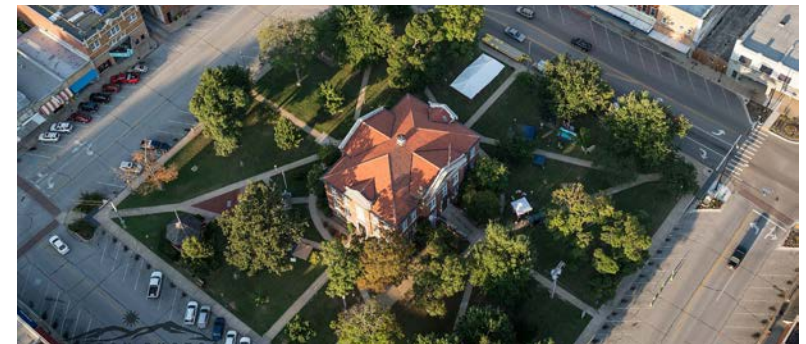
- **Business Park**

- Maintain the park as passive open space open to the public

# Special Use Parks



- **Downtown Square**
  - Improve connection to the greenway via Church St.
  - Connect the Square to City Hall with a linear park/open space
  - Relocate parking around the Courthouse to expand green space
- **Dog Park**
  - Implement the proposed dog park near Martin Ave. and Airport Dr.
- **Community Park**
  - Implement the proposed Community Garden and make it part of Rock Creek Park





# Trails, Connectivity, Mobility



- **Trails**
  - Make Rock Creek the primary greenway route and extend to the north and south
  - Make Collins Creek and east-west tributaries that lead from Rock Creek to the Rec Center and schools the secondary route for future expansion
- **Connectivity and Mobility**
  - Utilize conceptual street sections to guide the design of primary routes as designated on the Framework Plan
  - Improve the secondary routes as designated on the Framework Plan in the future to improve/add to pedestrian and bicycle facilities



# Implementation Matrix



Policy #	Recommendation	Page	Time-frame	Responsible Party	Funding	Objective
<b>POCKET PARK RECOMMENDATIONS</b>						
<b>DAVIS PARK</b>						
PP-1.A	Implement Security and Maintenance Plan	23	Short	Parks Department	City	Objective PP-1
PP-1.B	Implement Signage Plan	23	Medium	Parks Department	City	Objective PP-1
PP-1.C	Install shrubs or hedge along Liggett and Jones to define the edge of the park and form an effective barrier.	23	Short	Parks Department	City	Objective PP-1
PP-1.D	Install 2-3 benches around the perimeter of the park facing the interior of the park.	23	Medium	Parks Department	City	Objective PP-1
PP-1.E	Construct small pavilion or gazebo near the center of the park with ADA compliant path to parking and street/future sidewalk.	23	Medium	Parks Department	City	Objective PP-1
PP-1.F	Provide 2-3 on-street or off-street parking spaces. Provide 2-3 on-street or off-street parking spaces.	23	Long	Parks Department	City	Objective PP-1
<b>PUBLIC SQUARE PARK</b>						
PP-2.A	Implement Security and Maintenance Plan	23	Short	Parks Department	City	Objective PP-2
PP-2.B	Implement Signage Plan	23	Medium	Parks Department	City	Objective PP-2
PP-2.C	Repair loose or falling brick on building walls adjacent to the park.	23	Short	Parks Department	City	Objective PP-2
<b>NEIGHBORHOOD PARK RECOMMENDATIONS</b>						
<b>HARMON PARK</b>						
NP-1.A	Implement Security and Maintenance Plan	23	Short	Parks Department	City	Objective NP-1
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NP-1.G	Provide new picnic tables.	23	Short	Parks Department	City	Objective NP-1
NP-1.H	Rework/restripe the parking area for greater efficiency.	23	Short	Parks Department	City	Objective NP-1
NP-1.I	Widen the walking trail and add two swale crossings to newly added area.	23	Short	Parks Department	City	Objective NP-1
NP-1.J	Provide ADA compliant paths between park elements.	23	Short	Parks Department	City	Objective NP-1
NP-1.K	Construct a skate park in the newly added area of the park.	23	Medium	Parks Department	City	Objective NP-1
NP-1.L	Improve lighting	24	Medium	Parks Department	City	Objective NP-1

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# Next Steps



# Thank You!



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